

REMARKS

I. Restriction Requirement:

The application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-19, drawn to a device for rolling an ophthalmic lens;

Group II, claims 20-49, drawn to an instrument for inserting a lens into the eye;

Group III, claims 50-52, 54, and 55, drawn to a method of preparing a lens for insertion; and

Group IV, claims 56-58, drawing to a method of inserting an ophthalmic lens into an eye.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-19 drawn to a device for rolling an ophthalmic lens, and identified as Group I in the Restriction Requirement.

Applicant's election is made with traverse. Applicant submits that claim 20 includes all of the limitations of claim 1. Furthermore, because claims 21-25 depend from claim 20, claims 21-25 also include all of the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly applicant submits that if claim 1 is allowed claims 20-25 should also be allowed in this application.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to prosecute the nonelected claims of Groups II-IV in another application.

II. Election Requirement:

This application also contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The species are as follows:

1. Lens Roller A - Figures 4-6;
2. Lens Roller B - Figure 16;
3. Injector Device A – Figure 1; and

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4. Injector Device B – Figure 14.

Applicant hereby elects species 2 (Fig. 16) without traverse for prosecuting on the merits. Species 2 includes claims 1-8, 10, 15-22, 24-26, 33, 35-36, 40-45, and 47-49.

III. Conclusion:

The examination of these claims, and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, associated with this application in connection with this filing, or any future filing, submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.

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